# FIGHTING THEM OVER.

What Our Veterans Have to Say About

SHENANDOAH CAMPAIGN.

Their Old Campaigns.

Huntington, of Boston. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I suppose most of your readers are about tired of discussions arising out of Stonewall Jackson's famous campaign in the Valley of the Shenandoah, which have now been going on almost incessantly for nearly nine months; but I may be permitted a few words concerning the last letter of Mr. Huntington, of Boston, in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE of the 5th of December, and a few

other matters. Having produced the condemning evidence of the officer under whose immediate command the individual just alluded to was, and whose fine capacity and heroism will be generally conceded by the gallant men of Shields's Division and those associated with them, it could only be fair to say that the matter was then no longer any affair of mine-that I was then relieved from the charge of uttering words carelessly and without fair and reasonable grounds. Certainly I had not the slightest personal feeling to gratify; and I still regret, and chiefly for the sake of the individual from Boston, that he should have started the discussion. But his snameless and brazen assurance seems to render a little further attention necessary, though one feels like approaching him with a very long pole; and I trust I may be forgiven for entertaining such feelings, and be generally understood. Without doubt, if he had exhibited the same bluff and hardihood at Port Republic that he has in his paper fight, this discussion would never have arisen.

It is an ancient device for one without any substantial defense to quibble, quirk and wrig-gle, twist words and split hairs, object to matters of form, indulge in abusive epithets, in order to divert the attention of the jury, and seek to cast suspicion upon the incriminating evidence, and to these transparent methods Mr. Huntington, of Boston, has, of course, freely resorted in his own defense. It is true, I might have said in exact words that he rode away on a horse, or rode off with the horses, so that he could not have had even the shallowest pretense for saying that I said he rode off on a dozen or more horses; but it looks very much as if he would have attempted that impossible feat had it flashed for the moment upon his mind that he could have accelerated in the least his speed thereby.

As to his imaginary discovery of a non sequitur (using Latin), would not non compos mentis, as applied to himself in connection with it, and his letters taken as a whole, be possible for men to act with coolness under an officer who loses both his nerve and head. Not a few of the regiments and batteries made poor records, as they will admit, for a time, under certain officers; but becoming well-officered, none excelled them.

The person from Boston plainly plumes himself on the elegance of his composition, but the words groundless slander, which he uses, not to speak of others, are hardly good English; and, moreover, they are highly immoral, when considering the strong grounds there are for the statement he objects to.

But the days of pedantry are about over, facts and figures being much more in demand nowadays, and I cannot afford to bandy words . with him; and, besides, I am unnecessarily encreaching on your space and the good nature of

your readers. As to the good opinions he says certain unquestionably-gallant officers having given expression to concerning him, I find in the 40odd bulky volumes of the official records not a solitary word to his credit, unless some from Tyler be so construed; but as they were both in the same box he does not seem to care about giving these to us, though, of course, he may not have seen them, as it is manifest he could have made no study of the official documents, granting him the intelligence to understand them. In the first part of the Gettysburg records, just distributed, one would expect to find something in his favor; but, though he is mentioned, they are silent as to anything in the least creditable, and the silence seems pregnant with meaning. Numbers of those who served in the Valley campaign appear prominently and most honorably, and among them, as everywhere else, looms up Sprigg Carrell,

We are told that the army after Gettysburg knew the person from Boston no more, and he seems to have left "nnwept, unhonored, and unsung," like a not inconsiderable number of other incapable officers who were weeded out

about that time. But I do find something further in the records the reverse of creditable to him-in those relating to the Chancellorsville campaign, pp. 500, 501. Col. Samuel M. Bowman, of the 84th Pa., and Acting General of brigade, records this: "We also recovered a gun with carriage and horses attached, belonging to 'J. F. Huntington's' battery. So far as appearances indicated, it had been ingloriously abandoned. The carriage and horses are all sound and in good order, and the only obstacle a

stump of a tree, against which it had balted."

Mr. Huntington, now of Boston, says in his report, p. 501, that the horses of two of his pieces were "shot," and that the pieces "were necessarily abandoned. " I was with the last piece," he says, "and speak from personal knowledge." He says further: "One gun was afterward recovered. The remains of this battery were then sent to the rear." He says a good deal more, hardly any more consistent with what Gen. Bowman says than the above. We see that he made about the same excuse for his conduct at Chancellorsville that he now offers in vindication of that at Port Republic -chronic with him. Perhaps, too, Gen. Bowman may have rapped him over the knuckles at Chancellorsville, as Col. Danm did at Kernstown and Port Republic, and "conceived" a similar "violent dislike" for him; and is it to be supposed that he, an inferior officer, had a discretionary order from the commander of the Army of the Petomac, Gen. Hooker, to arrest Gen, Bowman, as he says he had to arrest Col.

Strange that a person who asserts that he was invested with such arbitrary power over the liberty of his superior officer should appear in such an unfavorable and misignificant light in the official records.

It does not seem probable that the people of to any extent to do honor to their fellow- be a man if he be a Dutchman. citizen, Mr. Huntington, and his melancholy military career.

The evidence is so damning, and presents such strong corroboration of Col. Daum's opinion of Mr. Huntington, now of Boston, that hardly a word is necessary in Col. Daum's behalf, or hardly before. But it may be said that of all the brave men of Shields's Division, and there were none braver, Col. Daum reecives more praise officially, and more unstinted, from the beginning to the end of that glorious campaign, than any other soldier of the it. Tyler removed the support from the guns to "gnaw" at for a while, on the left against Dagm's most emphatic pro-test. It is very questionable whether they the Potomac was on the point of being surrenwould have been dispossessed in any event had | dered to the enemy after the battle of Malvern had been whipped to a standstill. The so- was to be so surrendered. called Stonewall Brigade got knocked out at There was a meeting of officers and a council nock Station by the 6th Me. was a gallant one,

names have already been given in THE NA- high standing. TIONAL TRIBUNE, in rescuing the guns abau-

person from Boston, in his letter to THE NA- Ill. TIONAL TRIBUNE, corroborates, and without a Gen. Capekart Again Pays His Compliments to stain upon his character either as a gentleman or a soldier. It might be wished that the individual from Boston, be he Dutchman or Bostonian, could say as much; and it would be easy, after the manner he adopts, and with as much truth, to say that he might himself have | Artillery branch of the service can be heard. been the person pointed at, though I shall say | And now let each battery blow its bugle. no such thing, for I feel positive he is not; but he was a more likely person, evidently, than | that Battery M, 1st Ill. L. A., (known also as

> Considering that Mr. Huntington, now of and all to disprove it, if it can possibly be done, Boston, if we give him credit for the least sense, or let the battery wear the laurel. could not have read the records, having hitherto been ignorant of his own record, that he has from official records, Union and Confederate, not the least inclination to thoroughness, and | and draw conclusions which I challenge any that he is stone-blind as to matters of fact, the and all to refute. criticism he tells us he has thought somewhat of treating us to, at the instance of his friends, on the Shenandoah campaign, must surely have | Chickamauga, the Confederates drove the right been a laughable performance; and for a surety | flank of the Union army, under Sheridan and In respect to the inferences he would have us army-Gen. Rosecrans-pell-mell from the draw respecting some historical points, if he | field, while they had quite demoralized the left standingly the voluminous official papers, I | mand, in the center, on the field, and this also have no doubt he will conclude that I am right | had been driven back and had formed front in and that he is wrong. At all events, until he various directions, until Brannan had made a studies his subject with some degree of thoroughness he must excuse me from entering Ridge." Brannan with his remnants of various into such matters with him; and I have al- | brigades and regiments occupying the east end ready devoted more time to him than I in- of the ridge. Negley had taken the west end

> transparent, must have been inspired by the healthier at Rossville or Chattanooga, whither individual from Boston, except that Mr. Cass | Sheridan and others had gone, than on the writes like a gentleman, in comparison. But I have a more important and agreeable

> duty to perform. In referring to the part of troops he could induce to follow him, not saying the 84th Pa. in the splendid victory over Jack- a word to Brannan about it, thus leaving nearly son at Kernstown, I had little more (all there | three-fourths of the ridge -over half a milewas accessible) than the reports of some other | with not a human being on it, and no one anyregiments to refer to, the able and candid report | where else in that direction. great pleasure in withdrawing anything I said have too, every reason to believe that no regiment behaved more gallantly on that glorious ant-Colonel at the age of 24, was among the | the battle.

much nearer the mark? If he takes any com- to be remarkably well told. I could even wish ing almost a horizontal plateau of from 400 to good many of that sort of "carthworks," as pated in the charge. fort in being left alone in his glory, I am sure that he had amplified his Grant interview, 500 feet wide, and extending south about 800 you will see by consulting the records of killed Henry C. Vaughn, Co. E. 24th Ky., Mul-I have not the slightest objection; for I am which is not only interesting but valuable his- feet from the east and west crest of the ridge,

> letter of H. C. Whitaker, 2d N. Y. Cav. recur to the Shenandoah papers, he will find a records; among other things, that McDowell culpably neglected to forward supplies, though there were plenty. McDowell's conduct was censured by his friendly court for absenting 'himself from his command at a critical time," he was killed at least. After this McDowell to complete the flanking and doubling up. their nerves. The fighting at Kernstown will | we did.

facts? Another good Dutchman, H. H. Rhodes, 7th | field in utter rout, Ohio, and of Bradford, Pa., has sent me an in-

broken English. He says: road, in company with a Co. G soldier of my ever knew it, we saw one of Clark's guns stuck | grass Ridge. fast, something over 200 feet from where they had been in action. The rebels had a battery in action not far from where Clark's had been. The wheels of Clark's gun were in the mud up to the hubs, the ground just there being swampy. There were but two horses to the gun, and the driver was on one doing his best | dence for everything asserted herein on which to get the team to pull the piece out, but they could not do it, when my comrade and I went saved the Union, and I call on everyone, exto give our help. The driver was the only ar- Union or ex-Confederate soldier, or anyone We were the last on the field. The Johnnies were | conceded that the claim is just, I call on every so excited that they threw all their canister and | veteran, Union or Confederate, to see that justwas shot through the mouth-in at one cheek | ments are placed on the battlefield, as proposed, and out at the other. I had hold of the right | that for Battery M shall state on it that it saved hind-wheel, and lifted till I could see stars, the Nation. A black-oak tree 16 inches in with the blood running out of my feet and diameter, standing four feet west of a whitetime he lifted the blood would issue from or's marking-tool: "Rt. of Bat. M," and the both his cheeks like soap bubbles. We 'safed' monument should be placed just 25 feet due the gun. If it had not been for us it would southeast from the marked black-oak tree, as

safely with us." It seems to me that no Yankee could have which held that position. (Nos. 1 and 2 were done better than this brave Dutchman did, and | placed near the left of Gen. Mitchell, farther that he deserves to have a picture of the inci- | to the east, on the ridge.) dent in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, to send down | Come now, veterans of the blue and the gray, the noted and historic city of Boston will arise, to his posterity, and in proof that a man may disprove the claim or see justice done. This is

paper of the country. To my mind, too, the | right.-G. E. Dolton, St. Louis, Mo. editorials, on various subjects, are models of polished, terse and vigorous English,-H.

#### CAPEHART, Fargo, S. D. MALVERN HILL.

Was the Army to be Surrendered After the Battle. division, and without a syliable of comment in | EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: While some the slightest degree unfavorable, much less of the boys are "fighting them over," and any reflecting upon him. In fact, had his especially while they are arguing over the Our regiment was detailed on the left to lead advice been followed at Port Republic by matter as to whether a wing of the Army of Tyler, Jackson and his whole army could not the Potomac was surprised and turned in a have got that position at Port Republic from | certain battle or not, I will surrender the army the little handful of noble men who defended | and give the "Potomac rats" something else

not the retreat been ordered, for Stonewall | Hill not down in history. However, this is a | but we were ahead of them on the 3d of May, Jackson's entire army, save a few regiments, matterof fact, that at least a portion of the army

about the first round, and never made its ap- of war at Gen. Slocum's headquarters after the Our regiment (the 7th Mass.) and the 10th pearance again until after the retreat began. battle where the subject was discussed, and Ewell's men did about all the fighting that | that conclusion arrived at on the night follow- of David H. Russell, our former Colonel. The ing, and when the time comes I will put my 6th Me. were sent forward as skirmishers, and Col. Dapm's deed with his volunteers, whose witnesses on the stand; and they are officers in the two regiments named were to be the sup-

The Army of the Potomac was no doubt more doned June 8, 62, has few parallels. Without | disorganized and demoralized on July 2, 1862, doubt he was among the last to leave the field | while on its retreat to Harrison's Landing, the day following, while the person now of than it ever was before or after in all its history. Boston, says that he himself was "striving to The army had a sort of feeling, not then very organize teams" at the rear, and yet he is il- | well defined, that there was no head to that logical enough to try to make us believe that | great body. There were officers high in auabout all the horses were killed. Of course | thority who did not hesitate to say openly that there were horses killed, but to my certain | the retreat from Malvern Hill could be exknowledge they were in great part under plained on no other hypothesis than treason or cover. That the person from Boston had a cowardice on the part of the General in comdiscretionary order to arrest so gallant and | mand. This is now a matter of history. If the capable a soldier as his Colonel, is preposterous | rebels had been able to pursue and could have

a "violent dislike" for him may be admitted, of July 3 from the high ground overlooking and that he swere at those who had a violent | that broken army as it lay there on the James dislike against keeping up to the scratch may River flats all huddled together, with its trains also be admitted. A more atrocious and un- and artillery in the most disorganized state, manly act than the insinuation that Col. Daum | like they did that morning at White Oak was guilty of dishonorable practices is hardly | Swamp, the chances were nine to one that its conceivable. He tries to create the impression | fate would have been scaled and that it would that he was guilty, and then characteristically | have been compelled to surrender. It was not hides behind the statement that he cannot so much the genius of its commander as it was Corps. He ought to have worn the star long vouch for his unmanly insinuation. The Col- | the indomitable pluck of the army that saved onel fell, as it were, with Shields, but relieved it from the humiliation of a surrender or from Bethesda Church is without a parallel in miliby a General Order, which the friend of the destruction .- Sol. R. SMITH, Box 440, Lincoln,

## CHICKAMAUGA.

Light Batteries to the Front!

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I understand that your paper freely offers space in which the To begin with, I will make the statement Col. Daum to engage in a shady piece of busi- Miller's Chicago Battery and Spencer's Battery,) saved the life of the Nation, and I call on each

To prove the above claim, I will write only

In the forenoon of Sunday, Sept. 20, 1863, on the ground now known as the battlefield of lodgment on what is now known as "Snodgrass of the ridge, and had promised Brannan that he ridge, and, not wishing to discompose Gen. Brannan, very quietly withdrew with all the

of Col. Thomas H. Craig, then the Adjutant of Gen. Longstreet, after having driven Sherithe regiment, not being available, though since | dan and others off the field, conceived the idea printed in The NATIONAL TRIBUNE. I take of forming a line along our whole supposed right flank, extending from near the Snodgrass | actual history of our regiment. We were raised at all inconsistent with Col. Craig's report. I House to the Vidito House, and by making a to be the 135th N. Y. Inf. Then, when we grand right wheel (his various brigades consisting, as formed, of Deas on the extreme left field, which their losses in killed and wounded, at Vidito's, then Manigault, B. R. Johnson, the heaviest, alone sufficiently attest. I have Gregg and Anderson on the right-all to touch also good reason for believing that their Adju- to the right and dress on the left,) sweep around tant, just named, and subsequently a Lieuten- and double up Thomas, and at the one blow end

bravest of the brave in the fight at Kernstown. | The movement had fairly begun, and Deas's I shall not be considered singular, I feel sure, men had reached the summit of the west end in saying that I have been greatly interested of Snodgrass Ridge above the Vidito House, in the Cannoneer's story; and it seems to me which at that point turns to the south, form- the Cannoneer says; and we "manued" a hear from some of the comrades who particiat which south end it is about 200 feet, perpen-I was also interested in the fresh and bright | dicularly, above the Vidito House.

They had reached this plateau, and were If Comrade N. B. Noves, 29th Ohio, and one swinging around along the summit, and had to Stewart's battery in 1864. They were good across Red River in 1864, was needy. The of your picket shooters, should have occasion to advanced about 300 feet on it, when Battery ones. If anyone has reason to speak well of writer says it is all a mistake. Mrs. Bailey M. belonging to Mitchell's Brigade, of Granger's the 6th N. Y. H. A. it is one of Stewart's men. lives in his immediate neighborhood, and owns solution of his difficulties-a fuller one in the | Reserve Corps, took position at the west end of the east and west crest of Snodgrass Ridge, and began pouring canister into them. (Take notice, Battery M never used any "grape," never at all searchingly investigated. It may Hers was either "corn ketchup," "appiejack," be said here, parenthetically, that McDowell was peach brandy or whisky straight. Please omit 'grape" from small field-guns.)

Battery M did not have an infantryman's (at second Bull Run) "without any order from support on its right. Seven times that afterhis superior officer and without any imperative noon the enemy - Longstreet's best men; men necessity," and became lost in the woods. This, who had never charged a battery before withtoo, was when "the moment had arrived for a out taking it; men who had driven our beprompt concentration of the whole army against | loved Sheridan's men so rapidly from the field the rebel troops under Jackson," who, but for | that day that they could not keep in sight of McDowell's culpable action must have been | Sheridan's coat-tails; these men of Deas and annihilated, though some seem to think that | Manigault; of McNair and Johnson-charged Jackson was incapable of being damaged until | to take Battery M, or drive it from its position, was not netively employed. And does the | According to one Confederate officer's official comrade know that Shields, after the attack on | report Deas's and part of Manigauit's Brigade the flank, ordered the more important move- were able to stand up under that fire only 20 ments at Kernstown (which Gon, Kimball | minutes, when they fell back down to the foot

admits) while in bed, sore and bruised general- of the hill around Vidito's, lying on the ground ly and his arm broken, and that he infused his | and getting behind trees, and could not again plucky individuality into the army while in | be coaxed or driven into action that day; and this unhappy situation? Celebrated and even | then it was that McNair came in with his men able officers, it is well known, became mentally | to meet the same reception of canister and and physically paralyzed, while their troops shrapuel and spherical case. Over 600 rounds were hardly more unfavorably situated (some | we gave them, double-charging with canister much less so), and the officers themselves were | when they would come nearest. All the trees in perfect bodily health, save the affection of along that plateau still bear witness to what

compare most favorably with any at Gettysburg. Battery M held its ground until dusk, when it fell back leisurely to Rossville, with the other and the generalship was unquestionably better; in fact, it has seldom been excelled. Should troops. Had Battery M been captured or fallen Comrade Noyes "feel" that Shields was blama- back nothing could have prevented the comble at any time without examining into the | pletion of Longstreet's right-wheel, and Thomas would have been captured or driven from the

With Thomas captured or routed, nothing cident of Port Republic, with a modest request | could possibly have saved the balance of the that I send it to you, and it seems to me to be army. We who were at Chattanooga know full well worth being put on the records for pres- well how little would have caused a panic and ervation. I take the liberty of giving it to | destruction of that army at any time within four you in nearly his own words, excepting the | days after the battle. Had Rosecrans been able to cross the Tennessee he could not possibly have "We had marched over 200 miles, through | taken his army back even to the Cumberland hail and storm, and through the battle. I was | Mountains, nor could be have joined Burnside in my bare feet. After about all had got on the | with any considerable force; so his army would have been practically destroyed had Battery M. regiment, whose name I do not remember, if I not held its ground on the west end of Snod-

> If Rosecrans's army had been destroyed, who will question but what England and France would both have recognized the Confederacy and with such recognition, who will claim that

the Union would have been preserved? Now, I have the official documentary evi-I base the claim that Battery M, 1st Ill, L. A., tilleryman with the gun; the rest had all left. else, to disprove it; and if it shall be finally shell over over heads. Now, as I said, I was in | ice is done Battery M; that when Chickamy bare feet, and the comrade who helped me | mauga shall be a National Park, and monulegs. My comrade, at the left hind-wheel, each oak of similar size, is branded with a surveyhave been lost; and we carried our own guns | that would make it at the middle of the four guns (Nos. 6, 5, 4 and 3, naming from the right)

only the first blast from Battery M's bugle; Permit me to say that, to me, THE NATIONAL there are many more stored up. I have some-TRIBUNE fully maintains its great interest, thing nice for everyone who fought on Snodand keeps its place as the leading military grass Ridge, from Harker's left to Mitchell's

### Testimony from a 7th Mass. Man.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In your issue of Jan. 2, in the article on "Coffee-coolers," you repeat the assertion that the 6th Me. were first in the works at Marye's Hights. My word, although I was but a private, can be relied upon when I make a statement, as I was a participator with my regiment in that charge. this attack. We broke the center of the rebel line, which made it possible for the 6th Me. (which was one of our supports) to gain the hights some three or four minutes after we had reached there. Unlike this person who wrote so much about the 6th Me. (I hardly I do not wish to disparage that brave regiment, 1863, and I can produce records to substantiate what I say, The achievement at Rappahan-Mass, were in line of battle, under the orders porting column; but before we received orders to advance, the boys of the 6th Me., as a skirmish-line, advanced and took the fort, which was a strong earthwork. They jumped into and over a wide ditch in face of the enemy's belching cannon, scrambled over the rebel works, and engaged them hand to hand with clubbed musket and bayonet. It was a glorious piece of work, and something to be proud of. That time they were assuredly ahead of us .-JAMES HOLEHOUSE, 85 East Grinnell street, Fall River, Mass.

beyond conception. That Col. Daum conceived opened upon it with artillery on the morning digestive apparatus, use Ayer's Sarsaparilla. To create an appetite, and give tone to the

CANNONEER COMMENTS.

Gen. Doubleday Makes a Few Remarks. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I have been very much interested in the "Story of a Cannoneer," which I find to be truthful and of great historical value. Stewart and his battery were like household words in the old First ago. That grand charge of the old battery at tary annals. It is as strange and wonderful as the feat attributed to Gen. Paez, in South America, when serving under Gen. Bolivar, of whom it is recorded in his biography that he captured a Spanish gunboat in a river with a squadron of cavaley,-ARNER DOUBLEDAY, Brevet Major-General and Colonel (retired), Mendham, N. J.

A Heavy Artilleryman's Say. Comrade Wm. Glenning, Co. E, 6th N. Y. H. A., writes from Valhalla Postoffice, N. Y., to say that he has never before troubled the Editor of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE with a communication, though a subscriber to it for many years. He says he has taken a great interest in the "Story of a Cannoncer." He thinks that the Cannoncer did Kitching's Brigade (6th and 15th N. Y. H. A.) an injustice when he called them the "soft-bread brigade," but forgives him in view of the tribute which he pays to them after he had seen them fight and learned how they had suffered. Comrade Glenning says that his attention was particularly athis friends must have been making game of him. Davis, accompanied by the Commander of the tracted by the incident which the Cannoncer mentions in his account of the second day (May 6) of the Wilderness, when the 6th and 15th N. sets himself to reading earnestly and under- flank, leaving only a portion of Thomas's com- Y. H. A. filed past Stewart's battery to attack the enemy in the brush south of the Wilderness Run, to support Wadsworth's Division. This was where the Cannoneer recognized in the ranks of the 6th a boy named Peck, who had been a schoolmate of his at a seminary in New York, and cailed out, "Hello, Al! what are you doing here?" And Peck replied, "Hello, B-, is that you? We are looking for forti-Samuel W. Cass, of Maumee, O., it seems | would hold it; but finally concluded that it was | fications," etc. And then the Cannoneer says "We found them and got into them, and most of us stayed there and are there yet, or under the shade of the trees at Arlington." And he also says that "no troops fought better, fared harder, or died gamer than the heavy artillery | Camp Hill, Pa.

serving as infantry. Now, this boy that he speaks of was Alphonso D. Peck, and he belonged to our company (E Cannoneer, who was a friend and schoolmate of his, would not have accused him of belonging to a "soft-bread brigade" if he had known the arrived at Washington, we were made heavy artillery. But we joined the army in the field in July, 1863, and never left it until the "jig ing from Gettysburg. Some regiments of heavy

#### BATTLE IN A SWAMP.

The 10th Conn. at Kinston, N. C.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: On Sunday morning, Dec. 14, 1862, the 10th Conn. "stood fire told plainer than any outery its splendid of the country.

gether with the waste wrought by an insidi- | view to matrimony, he received quite a number carelessly listened to the voileys, which, not | Methodist Church, South, by the Rev. Mr. Maj. Stackpole) - no joke intended - bore this | dren. with dreadful sacrifices. In line of battle, mony. quick and steady, the 10th passed the three | B. F. Sallee, Box 223, Pleasanton, Kan., has exposed. It is no wonder that old soldiers are and almost impenetrable with dense thorns. | picked up at Mine Run. covered enemy beat upon the slender force, that there is a very needy comrade in his neighthe open ground beyond. It was an elevated | confined to his bed now for several weeks, and | George W. Reeder, Soldier, Ky., served in weight was as five to three against them. (Col. | will continue to do it so long as there is a | regiment did its full duty, it is now never Mullett, 61st N. C., had, by his report, over 500 | cent of money left in its treasury. If this | mentioned in these columns. He is surprised mes at the church.) They were protected by should be noticed by members of Tripp's regiations, for it cost a man something to be loyal a thick fence and a wooden chapel, from behind ment, and they will each send him a few to the old flag in Eastern Kentucky in 1861. which they delivered a flank as well as a front | cents, the gifts will be thankfully received. fire. Fifteen minutes of swift and deadly work | The money may be sent to Comrade Vaughn, that reddened that hill with the blood of 90 as | and will reach the sick comrade. gallant men as ever wore uniform-a fierce | W. H. Clark, Co. D, 98th Ill., Corning, Ark., harge and a wild rush for the bridge below. takes this means of letting his comrades know Two hundred and fifty prisoners were "headed | that there is one more old soldier still alive | colored troops during the rebellion. off" by soldiers too eager to take them to the | who is just as ready to fight it all over again as rear, for the bridge was burning and a hot fire | he was in the late struggle. He hopes that if opened from the opposite bank. But nothing | there should be another war with any country, could check their martial ardor, now blazing | the Government would live up to its promises | from Licut. Halman; John Byer or Charlie flercely under complicated opposition. They | better than it has done. extinguished the flames and rushed over the twice-conquered bridge, drove away the enemy and went into camp two miles in advance of a force of over 12,000,

They won a name that nothing can take six were missing as the roll was called that night in those gloomy North Carolina pines, many of whom never would lift sword or carry musket again.

Perhaps this was part of the "picnic and loafing" set down to our volunteers after 25 | private soldiers. years of a reunited country-rounited by many sacrifices like this. But my heart is heavy as I think how many transcomrades never will grasp my hand again, but sleep in stranger graves, with the star of glory shining brightly above where they were "mustered out" with honor forever.

As several lost-and-found articles are constantly advertised, I would say I lost an arm down in North Carolina in '62. Any Johnny finding the same will please return to owner .-JAS. M. ROGERS, Corporal, Co. H, 10th Conn., Norwich, Conn.

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#### Storm Ahead. [Boston Courier.]

"Fine night," said Smith to Jones as they came out of the club. "Yes," auswered Jones, as the clock began striking the hour of 12, " it is a fine night, but I expect it will storm when I get home."

CONSUMPTION CURED.

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## PICKET SHOTS

From Alert Comrades All Along the

Line.

Lost and Found. Philip Ruhrmund, Marion, O., wants to know the whereabouts of John W. Arrowsmith. Troop A, 2d Hl. Cav., as he has an important paper belonging to that soldier.

Arthur D. Hastings, Captain, Co. F, 65th Ind., Trinity Springs, Ind., says that near Goldsboro, N. C., he was taken violently sick in camp and conveyed to the hospital, leaving his sword in his pup-tent. Soon afterward his regiment moved out in pursuit of Johnston. He would much like to recover the sword, and if anyone return it, will pay him.

W. R. Baults, Shelbyville, Tenn., has an officer's cavalry saber, which still bears every evidence of having been an unusually handsome weapon. The guard is heavily plated with gold, and the handle is of solid silver, engraved with the American eagle and shield on one side, and on the other with a cannon, dram and flag. The blade itself is of the finest steel. with a most elaborate chasing of oak leaves. acorns and figures, one of which is that of an Indian poising a tomahawk, another an eagle with a pennant in its bill, on which is engraved "E pluribus unum." There is nothing on the sword to identify its owner, but the trade-mark is that of N. P. Ames, Cutlery, Springfield. The sword is thought to have been lost by some Union officer in the engagement under Gen. Gordon Granger near Shelbyville. The writer would be glad to receive any information regarding the ownership of

Comments and Corrections. Joseph A. Moore, Captain, 147th Pa., Post 58, says that in a recent notice of his speech, delivered on the occasion of the dedication of the monument at the field of Gettysburg, his address was printed as Campbell, instead of

Samuel F. French, Cortez, Colo., was much interested in the article by Frank Doyle, 1st Vt. Cav., as it is the first he has seen written of the 6th N. Y. H. A.), and I am sure that the by a member of the regiment. He was in Co. B of the same, and thinks that the cavalry charge on Little Round Top, in which the gallant Farnsworth fell, was one of the most important in the unprecedented battle of Gettysburg. The writer's regiment had the lead that day, and he was in charge of the Pioneer Corps. He was ordered by Gen. Farnsworth to go ahead and let down the fences preparatory to was up" at Appomation. We led the attack at | the charge which turned Lee's right. The Thoroughfare Gap, when the rebels were retreat- corps was in close proximity to the enemy, and while they were taking down the fences artillery may have remained in the fortifica- the rebels were popping at them. There were tions about Washington, but ours was not one of six in the corps, and nearly all their horses them. All the "earthworks we ever manned" | were shot. The writer was but a few feet from were those that we routed the rebels from, as Farnsworth when he fell. He would like to

and wounded. The Cannoneer was a little berry Grove, Kan., noticed in a recent issue a rough on the heavy artillery at the start, but | communication from C. H. Hutchins, in which he came out all right at the end, and therefore | he said that it had come to his knowledge that we forgive him. We gave some detached men | the family of Col. Bailey, who built the dam a good farm, well improved. Her sons are prosperous, and she does not want.

Personal. W. C. Fay, Co. C. 55th Ohio, Dellwood, Mich. wants to correspond with two or three comrades who would like to join him in a jourat case" in the rear of Foster's advance line at | ney on foot with staff and knapsack for about Kinston, N. C. As a regiment it was singu- a month. The writer would prefer some mountlarly silent under command. It never went | ain region like the Alleganies, or the mountinto action singing battle songs; seldom raised | ains of Vermont or New Hampshire, or perhaps the war cry when closing with the enemy. | the northern peninsula of Michigan, the re-But in no body of men was discipline higher; | gion to be traversed to be decided upon at some none whose ranks were better closed up on the | later date. The writer served as a nurse for 18 march; none that responded more quickly and | months, at Grafton, Va., and would be glad to cheerfully to a general order to "go in"; none | assist any of his former patients in procuring ever clang more gallantly to its victory-named a pension. He was allowed a pension frimself. colors, or gave a better account of itself. The He has built a fine home, which he invites any rapid and continuous roll of its effective file of his old comrades to visit when in that part

D. M. Jack, Sulphur Rock, Ark., is pleased And now, with its ranks depleted by the | to state to his old comrades that having adverlosses of Roanoke Island and New Berne, to- tised in this paper for a correspondent with a ous climate, it numbered only 365 men-offi- of communications from all parts of the country. cers and privates. But it was like an athlete | From among the number he selected Mrs. Jane trained to his fighting weight, waiting to enter | Barbite, of Dayton, O., who arrived at Sulphur the arena. Such was the regiment that then Rock, Jan. 9, and they were wedded in the receding in distance, spoke of no Union success. Reid. He is very grateful to "the best We had been "held in reserve"-our reserve | soldier paper in the world," for assisting him duty was soon to come. A tall staff officer | in getting a good wife and mother for his chil-

stirring order from Gen. Foster: "Take your | John R. McDongall, Goode, Kan., belonged regiment, go over the men in front, engage the | to Co. A, 8th Iowa. He is a widower, with enemy, and don't come out until you have four boys, the eldest being 11 years old and the let the rest of the soldiers know that there was given him enough." Lieut, Col. Leggett re- youngest five. He is 55 years of age, weighs such a regiment in the service. He was Complied simply: "Depend upon it, we will do all | 150 pounds, and is five feet six inches in hight. we can." At the word, "Attention!" the fiv- He own 240 acres of land, and is a wagon and ing machine, bristling with steel, sprung into broom-maker by trade. His farm is improved W. S. Franklin, Platteville, Iowa, says he action, and at the command "Forward!" be- and he has 23 head of cattle and horses. He gan a movement as gallant as any of the deeds | desires to correspond with some woman less | the service 1,595 days. He thinks this was of a war resplendent with glory and ghastly than 40 years of age, with a view to matri- long enough to learn of the terrible dangers

ines that preferred distant conflict to close a stencil-plate of brass, with the name "F. | very much attached to each other, after having honor and entered a swamp deep with mud | Reinecke, Co. F. 3d Wis. Cav.," upon it. It was | endured such trials and tribulations together.

Now, also, heavy volleys from a massed and H. C. Vaughn, Mulberry Grove, Kan., says bravely on, cleared the obstacle, and burst into | disability from which he suffers. He has been | rades would write. dope or knoll, commanded by a fire whose Post No. 183 has furnished him his living, and Co. D. 27th Ky., and says that, although his

### Some Opinions.

Henry C. Newton, Axtell, Kan., enlisted in 1861; twice re-enlisted in same company Feb. kins, pet and favorite of all. One hundred and of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and thinks that in December, 1864. He hopes that all the all G.A.R. Posts should at once ask Congress to | members of his regiment belong to the G.A.R. pass the per diem service pension bill and give the old soldiers their dues, as well as Gen. O. O. Howard, who now receives his \$7,500 a year, says that there is one case on record where a with nothing to do but to make speeches against

> one of the first acts of justice to be done by Congress is the repeal of the limitation of rade trouble, and he applied for a pension, but arrears act. That was the most unjust measure | Dr. Cook was unable to remember ever having ever passed. If it was right to grant arrears for disability in 1879, it is certainly right to do | hospital under the Doctor's care, during the war, so in 1890. The disability must be just as fully the latter had purchased a rooster, which proved now as then. Jas. L. Mann, Co. H, 66th Ill., Sturgeon, Mo.,

> bonnet Jeff had on when he was captured. C. V. Gorrell, Co. K, 75th Ind., Payne, O., he recalled it to the mind of Dr. Cook, and the says that if Senator Ingalls's bill giving a sol- latter gave him an affidavit that helped him to dier over 50 years of age a pension becomes a secure his pension. law, it will not benefit more than one-fifth of the veterans living, and of the rest, one-half will not live to see their 50th anniversary. Soldiers as a class are, by reason of army service, 15 years older physically than other people born at the same time. He says that fully handsomest young woman the writer ever saw. three-fifths have never voted anything but the | She was a fine musician, vocal as well as instru-Republican ticket, and now that party is in mental. She persistently refused to walk under

> Their Records. J. R. Brown, Co. F. 2d Mass. H. A., 216 Clinton street, Buffalo, N. Y., sends a clipping from the Buffalo Daily Commercial which, he says, if true, will undoubtedly settle the question of who was the youngest soldier. The comrade mentioned is George P. Bennett, of Chicago, Ill., who claims to have enlisted at the age of nine years and seven days, and the claim is substantiated by the records in the Adjutant-General's Office, at Albany, N. Y., Washington, D. C., and New York City. Bennett enlisted Dec. 14, 1861, as a private in Co. B, 1st N. Y. Marine Art., and was discharged Jan. 17, 1862. having served one year, one month and three days. He was in the Burnside expedition and By Peck's Pat. Invisible Tubular Ear Cushions. Ill participated in the battles of Roanoke Island | book free, Call or write F. Hiscox, 853 B'way, N. Y.



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and New Berne, N. C. His parents are still living and will attest these facts. John W. Fairman, Co. I, 151st Ohio, Fort Scott, Kan., says that he is the youngest of four brothers who, with his father and a grandson, who was not 13 years of age, were all in the service, and all remained until the close of the war, or were discharged for disability. He thinks THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE is the very best paper ever published in the interest of the soldiers. George W. Williams, New Athens, O., thinks

that Hiram S. Morgan, of Urichsville, O., was one of the oldest soldiers in the war. Morgan is at present 96 years old, having been born on St. Jackson's Day, Jan. 8, 1794. He enlisted in Co. E, 51st Ohio, Sept. 20, 1861, and was at that time 67 years old. He was too old to participase in any engagements, but served until December, 1862, when he was discharged by reason of his age. He had six sons in the service, the oldest of whom was 40 years of age when he enlisted.

Random Shots. Elias Barker, Gatewood, Ky., wants the members of the 12th Ky. Cav. to wake up and missary Sergeant of Co. E, and says the com-

was a dandy. was a member of Co. H, 49th Ohio, and was in and hardships to which the rank and file were That noble-hearted man, W. H. Gibson, was the Colonel who led his regiment to the front. James Malone, Sth Pa. Res., Silverton, Mo.,

struggling for position and exerting its noblest | borhood by the name of B. F. Tripp, who was | wants to know if all the members have ceased discipline to keep its formation. It was a ter- a member of Co. B, 81st Ill. He was taken to exist, as he never hears from them. He rible march, if unopposed, but war added its prisoner at or near Guntown, and confined in thinks the regiment had as good a record as horrors to those of nature. But they pressed | Andersonville a long time, where he contracted | any that served, and wishes some of his com-

Samuel W. Steward, 19th Md. (colored), Box 766, Coldwater, Mich., says he cannot get along without THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. He is in hopes that he may soon see something in its columns in regard to the performances of the

Eli Kelley, Pure Air, Mo., calls on the members of the 2d Pa. H. A. to come out of their holes and show themselves. He wants to hear Jerard, of that regiment.

Albert Perkins, Co. D, 92d N. Y., and Co. B, 11th N. Y. Cav., Westville, Conn., says that while the 11th N. Y. Cav. did not capture any Co. D. 1st battalion, 12th U. S. Inf., Sept. 10, forts or gunboats, like some regiments, still they did their duty. He would like to hear away, and glory that will never fade; but at 19, 1864, and Feb. 26, 1867, and was discharged from Capt. Edward C. Hand, of the regiment, what a bitter cost !- 16 more of the best and as First Sergeant at Fort Yuma, Cal., Feb. 26, and to tell him who it was that took charge of bravest going down at the flery crossing. 1870. He would be pleased to hear from some his bag of sweet potatoes while in camp on the Here fell the noble Coffin, the chivalrous Per- of his old comrades. He inderses the position banks of Lake Ponchartrain, near New Orleans, and take THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. J. Hunt, Co. A, 164th Ohio, Munroeville, O.

> rooster did good service. Reuben Sutton, 55th Ohio, was once wounded in the face and sent to Henry Comstock, Cheney, Kan., thinks that the rear, where Surg. Cook attended to his wounds. Years after the wound gave the comtreated him. Now, while Sutton was in the annoyed the sick comrade very much by its crowing. One night the rooster disappeared thinks that as there have been a great many and Comrade Sutton acknowledged having donations made to Widow Davis, it would be stolen it. When he first applied for a pension no more than right to pay her for the skirt and | Comrade Sutton had entirely forgotten this little incident, but remembering it afterward,

> W. N. Tucker, Co. C. 76th N. Y., Monona, Iowa, says that after the battle of Fredericksburg his regiment was detailed to do garrison duty in the city, and Co. C was quartered in a large building. On the same street lived the power, they certainly will look to it for justice. | the American flag, and when she came to one stretched over the sidewalk, she would pass around it into the street. One day the writer saw her come out of her house, and concluded that it was about time for her to walk under the old flag. So Comrade Tucker stepped to the young woman's side and walked along with her, and when they came to the first flag she passed under it without remonstrance, as she did every other flag they met during the walk. The lady appeared to be a little nervous at first, but remained perfectly silent and ignored the comrade's presence entirely. Ever after that she

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